

or charged as aforesaid. *Provided always*, That the said Owners, Occupiers and Proprietors, shall not be allowed to abate, deduct, retain, or keep, in his or their own Hands, out of such Rent or other annual Payment, any greater or larger Sum or Sums than what he shall be taxed or assessed for the same.

**XLIX.** *AND be it further Enacted*, That if the Person or Persons, who are or shall be entitled to such Rents or other annual Payments, their respective Agents, Receivers, or Deputies, shall distrain for, molest or vex, any Proprietor, Owner or Tenant of such Lands or Tenements aforesaid, for any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Species, in which Rent may be reserved or charged, which, by the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ought to be retained, deducted and allowed, or shall refuse, neglect or delay, to allow and discharge the same in the proper Accounts, wherein the same ought to be allowed or discharged, that then, and for every such Offence, every such Person as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money to the Party grieved, to be recovered by Action of Debt, or on the Case, with full Costs. *Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted and Declared*, That the Tenants or Occupiers of any Messuages, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the Premises, within this Province, who hold the same by Parole Lease only, or as Tenants at Will, or by Lease in Writing for any Term under Seven Years, shall not be chargeable with any Pound-Rate for the same, but that the respective Lessors of such Messuages, Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises, shall be chargeable with the said Pound-Rate; and that the same shall be assessed, levied and collected from the respective Lessors, in the same Manner as it would have been if no such Lease or Demise had been made.

**L.** *AND be it further Enacted*, That all and every Person or Persons within this Province, being indebted at the Time he, she, or they, shall be assessed as aforesaid, by Judgment, Mortgage, Bond, Bill, Note, Agreement, Book-Debt, or by any other Ways or Means, in any Sum or Sums of Money or Tobacco, or any Commodity whatever, and their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall, for the better enabling him, her, or them, to pay and bear the Rates and Assessments herein before respectively imposed upon him, her, or them, be allowed, by Virtue of this Act, after the Rate of Ten Shillings for every One Hundred Pounds of all such Sum or Sums of Money, or the Value thereof in Tobacco, or any Commodity whatever, which he, she, or they, shall be so indebted at the Time